

## OVERVIEW OF THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry is governed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is a separate and distinct entity from any professional association. The main functions of the Board are to regulate the dental profession and protect the public in matters related to dentistry. The Board is self-supporting and does not receive a general fund tax appropriation.

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# Kentucky Board of Dentistry

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## ELECTION NOTICE: VOTE ONLINE MAY 6-8, 2009

The terms of Dr. David Narramore (Zone 4) and Dr. Julie Gaskill (Zone 5) will expire on June 30, 2009. Any licensed dentist may submit nominations for these positions to the Board by mailing a signed recommendation to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, 312 Whittington Pkwy, Suite 101, Louisville, Kentucky 40222, by April 17, 2009. All nominations must be received by this date to ensure that nominees can be contacted to determine their eligibility and their willingness to serve. It is essential that each nominee who is submitted to the Governor be well qualified and interested in serving the public.

Elections will not be held at the annual meeting of the KDA in 2009. **All voting will be done online through the Board's website** (<http://dentistry.ky.gov>); online voting will only be available May 6-8, 2009. The names of the three candidates from zone 4 and zone 5 who receive the most votes will be submitted to the Governor, who will make the appointment. In order to be eligible for appointment, the nominee must reside in the zone they will represent.

Zone 4 is the Kentucky Mountain, Southeastern and South Central Area made up of the following counties: Adair, Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Floyd, Green, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Marion, Martin, McCreary, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, Washington, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe.

Zone 5 is the Green River and Pennyryle Area, made up of the following counties: Allen, Barren, Butler, Daviess, Edmonson, Hancock, Hart, Henderson, Logan, McLean, Ohio, Simpson, and Warren.

All nominees must have been an actual resident and licensed practicing dentist of this state for not less than five years immediately preceding their appointment to the Board. They shall not be connected in any way with any dental or dental hygiene school, or department of any institution of learning, or dental supply business. Any licensed Kentucky dentist may nominate any dentist from zones 4 or 5.

Absentee ballots will be available upon request for eligible dentists who wish to vote but will not be able to do so online. A written request for an absentee ballot, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, must be received at the Board office by April 17, 2009. The completed ballot must be received at the Board office no later than May 8, 2009 to be valid.

## ONLINE DENTAL RENEWALS TO BEGIN EARLIER THIS YEAR

All Kentucky dental licenses will expire on December 31, 2009 and must be properly renewed before that date to avoid suspension. Licensees will be able to renew their dental licenses online at <http://dentistry.ky.gov> beginning on or before June 1, 2009; renewing a dental license online is fast, convenient, and secure.

The renewal fee is \$230 for each biennial period (2010-2011). A reinstatement fee of \$50 will be added to the initial \$230 renewal fee for applications received by the Board after December 31, 2009. Paper renewal applications will only be mailed to dentists who provide the Board with a written request for a paper application. In addition to this reminder, the Board will mail postcards to licensees to notify them when online renewals are available, and a notice will appear in the Fall 2009 newsletter.

**All licensees are required to fill out their own renewal applications**, and will verify this by signing the renewal application. Applicants who attempt to obtain a license fraudulently are subject to discipline by the Board, as stated in KRS 313.130(2).

Please note that 201 KAR 8:015 requires dentists to verify commercial lab work is only performed by dental laboratories which have been properly registered with the Board. In order to renew a dental license, dentists must provide contact information for all of the dental laboratories they use.

All dental hygiene licenses will expire on December 31, 2010; hygienists cannot renew their licenses in 2009.

### **PRESCRIPTION WRITING AND DOCUMENTATION**

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry has seen a marked increase in the number of complaints and disciplinary actions related to improper prescription writing among dentists. As economic problems increase, patients and providers may turn to prescription drugs to ease more than just the pain of dental procedures.

The Board and the Law Enforcement Committee would like to remind dentists of their responsibility to carefully review and institute strict office procedures for issuing narcotic prescriptions, specifically regarding how and when prescriptions are called in for refills by office staff. Thorough documentation is required for all prescriptions written for patients; the patient's treatment should justify any prescriptions written.

Please remember the Board provides a private and confidential Well Being program. This program offers assistance to dental professionals who may have a problem with any type of dependency or emotional issue. Call (502)749-8385 for more information or for a self-referral.

### **TRAMADOL LISTED AS SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

In response to significant concerns raised by healthcare professionals, the Kentucky Cabinet For Health and Family Services, Office of the Inspector General, Division of Audits and Investigations, Drug Enforcement and Professional Practices Branch submitted a request to the Kentucky Legislature to modify regulation 902 KAR 55:030 to add Tramadol to the list of Schedule IV controlled substance products in Kentucky.

The regulation change was adopted and was effective on December 5, 2008. As of that time **any prescriber without a valid DEA license cannot write or issue a prescription for Tramadol**. In addition, any remaining refills on a Tramadol prescription issued by a prescriber without a valid DEA license may not be dispensed.

If you have any questions regarding this regulation change, please contact the Drug Enforcement and Professional Practices Branch at (502) 564-7985.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

The Board voted on November 8, 2008 to post in full a PDF file of the Final Order for all final Board actions taken from July 1, 2008 forward in an effort to be more transparent to the public. Therefore, this section will now contain only the name and case number for individuals against whom the Board has taken action. The full final order for each of these cases is available at the Board's website, <http://dentistry.ky.gov>, under the *Complaints and Discipline* tab on the left-hand side of the page. Authority for the online distribution of public records is granted by KRS 61.874(6).

### **Immediate Temporary Suspensions**

08-68 John Spain, DMD

08-116 Virginia Sergeant, RDH

### **Cease & Desist Orders**

08-091 Carla Francisco, RDH

### **Settlement Agreements**

06-33 Peter Ciampa, Jr., DMD

07-29 & 07-84 Merriel Chase-Dodson, DMD

07-123 Brandon Allen, DMD

07-134 Mark Reams, DMD

07-149 Dale Evans, DMD

08-35D Stephanie Roney, DMD

08-73 William Shores, Jr., DMD

07-125 Jenna Risner (now Allen), RDH

08-92 Sheila Adams, RDH

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## **CONSCIOUS SEDATION AND GENERAL ANESTHESIA PERMITS**

### **Conscious Sedation Defined**

Kentucky licensed dentists may not administer general anesthesia or conscious sedation without a permit. Under 201 KAR 8:390, Conscious Sedation is defined as "a minimally depressed level of consciousness produced by a pharmacological or nonpharmacological method and in which the patient is able to independently and continuously respond appropriately to physical stimulation and verbal command." A permit is required for any practitioner who administers any sedation which produces a state beyond anxiety control in the patient.

### **Facility Inspection**

Receiving a permit from the Board is only the first step towards approval from the Board. A dentist may not administer conscious sedation or general anesthesia until the Board has inspected the facility where the sedation will be administered. Dentists who practice at multiple locations must have every facility inspected prior to the administration of sedation to any patient. Facilities must be reinspected every five years; however, the re-inspection is initiated by the Board office and the dentist does not schedule the re-inspection. Facility inspection checklists are posted on the Board's website at <http://dentistry.ky.gov/forms.htm>.

### **Patients Under The Age Of 13**

Under 201 KAR 8:390 Section 2(8), dentists are not authorized to administer conscious sedation to patients under the age of thirteen without a permit. Even though a dentist may only be administering enteral sedation to these patients, the dentist must complete the requirements for the permit, which include IV sedation training.

### **Required Anesthesia Continuing Education**

Dentists with general anesthesia or conscious sedation permits must take additional continuing education above and beyond the 30 hour CE requirement required to maintain their dental licenses. Every two years the anesthesia CE requirement must be met by completing either an ACLS or PALS course, or 6 hours of anesthesia safety and emergency procedures training.

The administration of conscious sedation and general anesthesia is addressed very specifically in the Kentucky Dental Practice Act under 201 KAR 3:390. Kentucky dentists should study this regulation in its entirety; it can be accessed at <http://dentistry.ky.gov/laws.htm>.

## GENERAL SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

A dental hygienist may provide, for not more than fifteen consecutive full business days, dental hygiene services to a patient when the supervising dentist is not physically present at the location at which the services are provided if all requirements are met.

In order to provide services when the supervising dentist is not physically present, a dental hygienist must first be approved by the Board. Hygienists wishing to practice under general supervision must submit form "Dental Hygiene-GS", available from the Board office or on the Board's website, which verifies that they have, at minimum, 2 years and 3,000 hours of experience working as a dental hygienist and that they have completed a Board approved Medical Emergencies course for a minimum of 3 clock hours. Proof of work experience and continuing education must be retained at the office of the supervising dentist, along with the approved "Dental Hygiene-GS" form. Dental hygienists approved for general supervision must complete a 3 hour medical emergencies course every two years to remain certified. Also, please note, if you work under general supervision for more than one dentist, you must retain in your files a form approved by the Board for each dentist.

Prior to the completion of hygiene services, the supervising dentist must complete a written order prescribing the dental hygiene service or procedure to be done to a specific patient by the dental hygienist and retain the original order in the patient's dental record. This work order must contain at minimum the following information:

- Medical history update;
- Radiographic records requested;
- Dental hygiene procedures requested;
- Name of the patient;
- Date of last oral examination;
- Date of the written order; and
- Signature of the dentist.

The patient must have been seen by the dentist within the 7 months prior to treatment by a dental hygienist practicing under general supervision. Additionally, a patient must be notified 3 business days in advance of an appointment for dental hygiene services when the supervising dentist will not be physically present, and must sign an informed consent form acknowledging the dentist's absence before being treated by the dental hygienist. The informed consent form must be retained in the patient's records.

The supervising dentist shall provide a written protocol addressing the medically-compromised patients who may or may not be treated by the dental hygienist. The dental hygienist shall only treat patients meeting the criteria in 201 KAR 8:450(6), which states that the patient must be in the American Society of Anesthesiologists classification of Physical Status I and II as listed in "Guidelines for Teaching the Comprehensive Control of Pain and Anxiety in Dentistry", Part 2 (2000 Edition), American Dental Association.

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## EMPLOYMENT OF HYGIENISTS

Under KRS 313.310, dental hygienists practice under the full responsibility of a licensed dentist; **it is therefore a dentist's responsibility to ensure that any hygienists they employ are in fact licensed by the Board.** The best way to verify continuous licensure is to require that they present their Board issued license prior to employment, and to make sure a current license is always on display.

## INCIDENT REPORTING

According to 201 KAR 8:390(6), any licensee practicing dentistry in the state of Kentucky must submit a complete report within thirty (30) days to the Board of a mortality or other incident occurring in an outpatient facility of the dentist which results in temporary or permanent physical or mental injury requiring hospitalization of the patient during or as a direct result of a dental procedure.

If you are not sure an incident needs to be reported, the Board encourages you to err on the side of caution and submit written documentation.

**HYGIENISTS SUSPENDED FOR LICENSURE NONRENEWAL  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008**

License	Name
0622	Betty Joe Sanders
1032	Lynda Haag Busdosh
1406	Nancy Karen Owens
1532	Dawn B Wilhour
1639	Anne Kay Scyphers
1694	Laina S Bell
1763	Karen Cherry
2338	Barbara Michelle Cooper
2381	Sheila Jan Adams
2449	Jennifer Marie Harding
2477	Joan Marie Waller
2521	Tamme Jacob
2563	Farideh Ansari. G.
2613	Melanie Minix Huffine
2655	Taryn L Stone
2740	Melinda Carol Day
2778	Pamela Kay Hawkins
2826	Jodi H Morphew
2828	Christina Lieblick
2872	Ann Marie Lewis
2946	Beth Krutz-Jordon
2987	Melissa Lynn Combs
2992	Tara Leigh Lyons
3036	Kandy Lawrence Hinson
3122	Shaunna Lee Booth
3135	Kammi Lynne Grosse
3139	Shawn Renee Hurt
3148	Candice Pamela Yackel
3189	Vicki Lynn Allen
3225	Laura Page
3240	Stacey Ann Brewer
3282	Olivia R Pereiro
3370	Karen Elaine Lewkowski
3378	Tracy Lynn Amerine
3464	Sara E Losey
3527	Amanda J Harper
3620	Amy Nichole Powell
3624	F Robin Russett
3633	Teresa Coffey
3634	Lauren Millican
3645	Penney C Robinson
3646	Chantelle Marie Dobson
3712	Melisha Elaine Mynear
3717	Sarah Ann Widmer
3726	Lacey Tenneille Beers
3750	Heather Lynn Giannotta
3758	Angela M Schweizer
3797	Katie Ann Crandall
3809	Sujitra Joy Howard
3822	Mary Karendia Lamb
3839	Symantha Danielle Stevens
3847	Carolyn Ashley Taylor
3871	Crystal Amos
3921	Ashley Nicole Hendrix
3925	Jennifer Susannah Iannello
3929	Megan Lynn Woolbright
3958	Nicole L Davis
3969	Kelli N Morris

**UNREGISTERED LABS  
AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

All Kentucky dentists are required to use a Kentucky registered dental laboratory. 201 KAR 8:015 requires the Board to take appropriate disciplinary action against dentists who use commercial dental laboratories that are not registered in Kentucky.

Reg. No.	Lab Name
0119	Schooler Crown & Bridge
0180	5 Lab
0187	Slusser Dental Lab Inc
0198	Armstrong Smith Co Inc
0212	Artizan Dental Lab Inc
0295	Royal Crown Dental Arts Inc
0318	Assurance Dental Lab Inc
0335	Metro Dental Lab
0463	Allen Dental Lab
0651	Popham Dental Lab
0706	Esthetic Dental Lab
0721	Americus Dental Labs Inc
0749	Oral Engineering
0763	Karen's Dental Lab
0824	Frontier Dental Lab
0839	Mitchell Dental Lab
0871	Davidson Dental Lab
0885	Great White Dental
0899	Salem Dental Lab
0915	TRS Orthodontic Lab
0916	Brasstown Dental Arts
0922	Danaren LLC
0933	Smile Design Laboratory LLC
0936	Wilson's Dental Lab
0938	Marquis Dental Laboratory Inc
0949	TNT Dental Studio
0981	Digitech Dental Restorations
0985	Carnes Crown-N-Bridge
0999	Long Dental Studio
1002	Boone County Dental Lab LLC
1006	Jurim Dental Studio,Inc
1016	Dental Crafts
1029	Orchid Dental Studio Inc

**REQUIRED ADDRESS CHANGES**

*All Dentists and Dental Hygienists licensed in Kentucky are required by KRS 313.80 and KRS 313.305 to notify the Board in writing of any address changes within ten (10) days of that change.*

***You may submit your address change online at  
<http://dentistry.ky.gov/address.htm>***

Kentucky Board of Dentistry  
312 Whittington Pkwy, Ste 101  
Louisville, KY 40222

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Dentist ☐ Hygienist

Preferred Mailing Address for Dentists ☐ Business ☐ Residence

### Business Address:

Name of Business (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ KY County: \_\_\_\_\_

### Residence Address:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ KY County: \_\_\_\_\_

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